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## State slow to refine solar potential

Experts say Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's solar power incentive bill will not be enough to bring state up to par

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California has been called the Saudi Arabia of solar power. But unlike the oil-rich nation, California has failed to take full advantage of its solar resources.

California is far behind other states, even New Jersey, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent bill to renew a solar power incentive program aims to bring the state up to par. However, local experts say it is going to take more than rebates and tax credits to catch up.

"It all sounds good on paper just like the hydrogen economy, all the guys say the magic words," physics professor Leonard Wall said. "But when it costs the state money then they have second thoughts about it."

Solar panels absorb visible light to free an electron in the semiconductor material, usually silicon, that can then flow as electricity.

The solar cells, where this process takes place, are expensive to produce and make the large panels they are embedded in expensive as well.

Rebates and tax credits for new



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Solar panels absorb light from the sun to free an electron that can then flow as electricity. Since a new solar panel system costs around \$24,000, most people would need rebates or tax credit to build them.

solar panels are necessary if a substantial number of homeowners are going to install the typically \$24,000 systems, said John Ewan, owner of local solar merchant Pacific Energy Co.

New Jersey is emerging as one of the most solar-friendly states, according to solarbuzz, a Web site devoted to solar energy. New Jersey subsidizes up to 70 percent of the cost of some solar

projects, the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Web site states.

However, California rebates have been declining for the past several years, Ewan said.

"Currently, we are not doing as well as some of the other states," Ewan said.

Schwarzenegger's proposal would replace the current incentive program, which will expire soon.

Solar power advocates say it is a better way of producing electricity because it does not pollute the air like traditional power plants and does not have a limited supply like oil, natural gas and coal.

The proposal makes sense for the state because solar homes actually produce more electricity than the

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## CULTURAL PERCEPTION

## Studies show American youth most open-minded

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A new study by The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement shows that younger generations of Americans are more open-minded on controversial diversity issues than other age demographics.

In 2004, the number of youths, ages 18 to 29, who voted rose sharply to more than 50 percent. Their opinions on issues such as gay rights, immigrants and racial and ethnic groups reflected an unprecedented social tolerance unseen in previous generations.

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NUMBERS

## 69 percent

Sixty-nine percent of Americans ages 18-29 support gay marriage or legal civil unions for gays

## 38 percent

Thirty-eight percent of Americans ages 18-25 believe blacks have received less than they deserve

## 60 percent

Sixty percent of Americans ages 18-25 believe immigrants strengthen our country through hard work

## 41 percent

Forty-one percent of Americans ages 18-29 that voted in the 2004 presidential election believe gays should be allowed to marry

Studies conducted by other groups have echoed CIRCLE.

An exit poll by the National Election Pool found that 69 percent of 18 to 29 year-olds support gay marriage or legal civil unions for gay and lesbian couples compared to 60 percent of 30 to 44 year-olds and 54 percent of those 60 and older.

The National Election Survey reported that between the years 1994 and 2000, the percentage of 18 to 25 year-olds who agreed that blacks "have gotten less than they deserve," increased 12 points to a record 38 percent.

CIRCLE conducted a similar study called the Civic and Political Health of a Nation Survey. Research showed that in 2002, 60 percent of 15 to 25 year olds agreed with the statement "Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work," which is the highest age group com-

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## NUTRITION

## Arnold to terminate junk food

Erica Werner  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Sunday he wants to ban all sales of junk food in California schools and legislation was being introduced to accomplish the goal.



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Vending machines in schools should be filled with fresh fruits, vegetables and milk, Schwarzenegger said during a question-and-answer session with fans on the final day of his Arnold Classic bodybuilding weekend.

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## Students invent better way to snack

Cal Poly students won a national product development competition with a snack bar called 'Mizamonde'

Nicole Stivers  
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Keep an eye on the shelves at the local grocery store, Cal Poly students have created a new snack bar.

A team of food science and nutrition students won first place in a national product development competition last month with their snack bar "Mizamonde."

The team came up with the name by combining the Spanish word mundo, meaning world, and Miss Almond.

"This project allowed us to work with something from beginning to end," said Marion Cook, food science senior and team member. "We learn about these things in class, but we actually got to do it; not hear about it or read about it."



COURTESY PHOTO

Cal Poly nutrition and food science students designed, marketed and made a almond based snack bar called 'Mizamonde.'

The team heard about the California Almond Board-sponsored competition in one of their classes.

Food science senior Anne Boin wanted to create a prenatal snack bar for her senior project and decided to get a team together to

enter the competition.

Food science seniors Cook and Patrice Coudray joined Boin to create a product. Two food science professors, Hany Khalil and Ammar Olabi, assisted the team.

The theme of the third annual

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## Solar

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homeowner can use during mid-day peak electricity usage times, which reduces the burden on the power supply, Ewan said.

"A new power plant is going to cost a whole lot more (than installing panels that can produce an equivalent amount of energy)," he said.

One incentive is that as more are installed, the price will go down, Wall said.

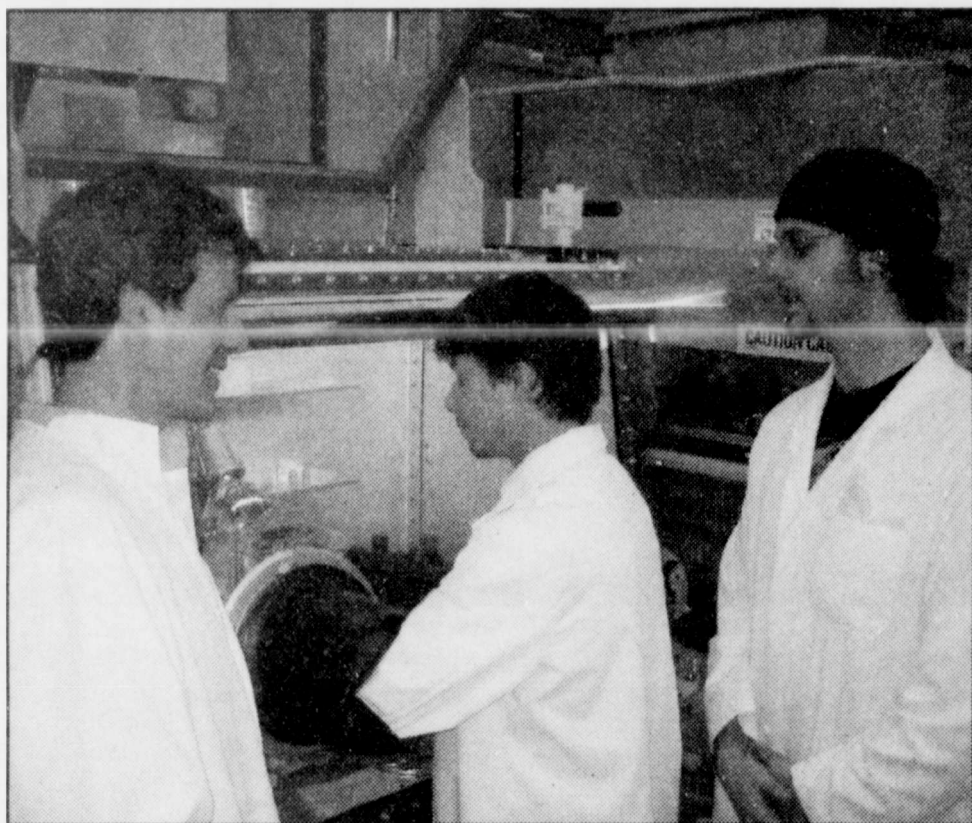
"If we had a real boom the per-unit cost would go down," Wall said. "It's basic supply and demand."

However, one group on campus is researching a different way to reduce prices.

The research group led by physics professor Bob Echols has developed a solar cell using inexpensive polymer material (an organic, carbon-based substance) as the semiconductor.

Although the polymer cells are less efficient, lower production costs mean lower overall cost for solar panels. The polymer cells could reduce the price to one-fifth of what it is now, said physics senior Xerxes Steirer, who helps make the cells.

Physics senior Lewis Abra, who also works with Echols on the project, said he thinks solar power is a way to avoid future supply shortages in a sustainable way.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Physics senior Xerxes Steirer demonstrates how a polymer solar cell is made as physics senior Lewis Abra and physics professor Bob Echols look on.**

"The state of our energy policy is frightening," he said. "For me all the data and research points to an upcoming energy crisis. With all the solar power that is available to us, if we could harness it cheaply and efficiently, then we could avert the crisis."

Because such solar-cell technology may not be ready for many years, Abra said Gov. Schwarzenegger's incentive program may help California in the meantime.

"Hopefully with the new program proposed by Arnold Schwarzenegger, we will be able to set a good example for other states," he said.

However, an even better option may be to improve the way the current energy supply is used, Wall said.

"Efficiency programs are the biggest payoff, not that you shouldn't do solar, but before you start getting into solar, the best thing to do is make everything more efficient," he said.

comprehensive reports about their bar. The reports covered a wide variety of product information, from how the bar was created to how it would be marketed.

The reports included a detailed description of the bar, ingredient functionality, a nutrition fact label, market potential analysis and cost estimate.

"They utilized writing, food science, chemical and calculation skills," Khalil said. "All those skills came together for this project. They did a fantastic job."

In January, the team was notified that they were among four finalists in the snack bar category. They created samples of their bar and sent them in for judging.

allowed to legally form civil unions but not marry, compared to 35 percent of 30-44-year-olds.

This age demographic represents most college-age students. While there are a number of special interest groups on campus, Cal Poly is in a unique position because of its lack of diversity.

"These numbers don't necessarily reflect the Cal Poly campus," said Mel Commuso English senior and Pride Alliance Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center member. "There are extremes on both sides, and there is a large middle group who really don't voice opinions either way."

Research by CIRCLE shows significant changes in the perspectives of youth toward racial and ethnic

minorities. The study reports that younger generations are more supportive of diversity than older groups.

People 26 and older are more than three times as likely to favor segregated neighborhoods than people ages 18 to 25.

"There is a wide range of tolerance levels at Cal Poly," Mark Fabionar Cal Poly's Multicultural Center Director said. "Different students bring different levels of development and experiences to mix. Some students have not been afforded the same background as others."

The research has shown a trend of acceptance for groups often targeted by intolerance. Many of the diversity groups at Cal Poly try to increase cultural awareness and growth.

## Arnold

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The question session is an annual event at the athletics show.

Schwarzenegger's comments on junk food came in response to a questioner who asked what could be done to combat youth obesity.

"First of all, we in California this year are introducing legislation that would ban all the sales of junk food in the schools," Schwarzenegger said.

Aides said later that the governor supports a bill by state Sen. Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk, that would ban soft drinks at public schools.

The administration hopes to develop a more comprehensive legislative package dealing with snack foods later in the year, said Chief of Staff Pat Clarey. She said that despite Schwarzenegger's comment, all junk food might not be banned.

"I wouldn't say we're going to ban all junk food," Clarey said. "We just are looking at additional bills that will deal with snack food at high schools ... we're looking for healthy snacks."

The several hundred fans at the Columbus Veterans Memorial auditorium were invited to ask Schwarzenegger whatever they wanted, and topics ranged from fitness to whether he wants to be president. With fellow former Mr. Olympia Franco Columbo at his side, Schwarzenegger spent about 50 minutes answering questions.

Many were detailed queries about workout routines. Schwarzenegger discoursed knowledgeably on how best to improve the deltoid muscles, numerous repetitions, tailored to the three separate deltoid muscle groups, front, middle and back.

Schwarzenegger said he still does 30 to 45 minutes of cardio each day and lifts weights about four days a week. He said he misses doing heavy lifting, but doctors banned it after his heart surgery in 1997.

At one point, Schwarzenegger delivered what amounted to a motivational lecture after a questioner betrayed some discouragement about

his own fitness potential. Schwarzenegger told him to visualize his goal, never lose sight of the vision and work toward it.

"As you know, I'm a big believer in the mind," Schwarzenegger said. "Just be positive, and kick some butt."

At the men's bodybuilding finals the night before, Schwarzenegger had called on bodybuilding to get rid of steroids, which are rampant in the sport. He got one question on the topic Sunday, from a sixth-grader.

The girl asked the governor to explain why he has said publicly he doesn't regret his own past steroid use. Schwarzenegger reiterated that at the time he took the drugs they were new to the market and weren't illegal.

People shouldn't take steroids now, "A, they are harmful for the body, and B, they are illegal," he said.

Schwarzenegger was asked whether he would consider running for president if the Constitution were amended to allow foreign-born citizens to serve in the office. As in the past, he said he's focused on governing California.

"I'm not saying no I'm not interested in it, but I'm not concentrating on it," he said.

Schwarzenegger also disclosed plans to rerelease an obscure documentary about his 1980 Mr. Olympia victory, called "The Comeback." The much better-known film about an earlier Mr. Olympia win, "Pumping Iron," was recently rereleased by HBO and Schwarzenegger said he was hoping to do the same with "The Comeback."

A female questioner told Schwarzenegger she was shocked at the disparity in the prizes handed out to female and male bodybuilders at the Arnold Classic. The top woman got \$17,000 and a watch, while the top man got \$100,000, a watch and a Hummer.

"As far as I'm concerned women should be paid more," Schwarzenegger said. But he said the economic reality is that men's bodybuilding is a much bigger draw.

## Snack

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Almond Innovations Contest asked food science students across the country to create snacks incorporating almonds.

Prior to developing the bar, the students surveyed numerous ingredients for their nutritional value. "Mizamonde" contains almonds, oat flour, cranberries, honey, whey protein, powdered milk and prunes.

"We designed our bar to be a good source of folic acid, calcium and iron," Coudray said. "These are all essential to a healthy pregnancy and overall health for women."

In November, the team submitted

## Youth

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pared to 51 percent of 26 to 37 year-olds, 49 percent of 38 to 56 year-olds, and 42 percent of people 57 and older.

One issue that got a attention in the 2004 presidential election was gay marriage. Pre and post election analysis showed that young voters are more supportive of gay rights than before. The National Election Pool exit polls found that 41 percent of 18 to 29-year-old voters think gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry, compared to 25 percent of 30 to 44-year-olds and 25 percent of overall voters. Twenty-eight percent of young voters think that gays and lesbians should be

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## STATE NEWS

**SAN FRANCISCO** — A federal court in Mexico has ordered jeans maker Levi Strauss & Co. to pay \$45 million to a former contractor wrongly targeted in a police raid seeking to crack down on clothing counterfeiters.

The judgment announced Monday by San Francisco-based Levi's vindicates Mexico City contractor Comexma, which sued the

company for the fallout from a June 2001 incident at its plant.

Accompanied by local media, Mexican police raided Comexma looking for evidence of bogus Levi's brands based on information provided by a company attorney. The brand-protection attorney set up the raid without getting the required company approvals, Levi's said.

**LOS ANGELES** — A California woman who sued to retrieve \$150 million worth of family paintings

stolen by the Nazis was in mediation Monday with the Austrian government in federal court.

News of the court-ordered talks came about eight months after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Maria Altmann, 89, could sue for the six Gustav Klimt paintings.

**SACRAMENTO** — A veteran employee of the California secretary of state's office took over as acting secretary Monday with the departure of Kevin Shelley, who resigned

amid investigations into his personal and ethical conduct as the state's top elections official.

Shelley's Feb. 4 resignation took effect at midnight Friday.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has nominated former state Sen. Bruce McPherson to finish Shelley's term, which expires in 2007. A confirmation hearing before the Senate Rules Committee is set for March 16.

—Associated Press

## IN OTHER NEWS

**SAN LUIS OBISPO** — A new county law aims to keep readers from reeking. Libraries in San Luis Obispo County have had their own rules banning offensive body odor since 1994, but the policy became law after the Board of Supervisors last month adopted an ordinance that lets authorities kick out malodorous guests.

A strict code of conduct, officials argue, is needed to ensure one patron's right to use a public library doesn't infringe on the rights of another.

Yet, the law can raise tough questions for librarians, said Irene Macias, Santa Barbara's library services manager.

"What is bad odor?" Macias asked. "A woman who wears a strong perfume? A person who had a garlicky meal?"

**SAN MARCOS** —

Elementary school students who launched a helium balloon to study weather patterns were astonished when it ended up on a farm in North Carolina.

Fifth-grade students at Richland Elementary on Dec. 2 set off the 12-inch balloon, which carried information on how to contact the school. On Feb. 19, a farmer in Asheboro, N.C., some 2,200 miles away, discovered the balloon's remnants.

Teacher Gary Nash said he initially doubted the farmer's wife, Carla Queen, when she contacted him to report the finding.

—Associated Press

## NATIONAL NEWS

**WASHINGTON** — The White House on Monday said it was "absurd" for a former hostage in Iraq to charge that U.S. military forces may have deliberately targeted her car as she was being rushed to freedom.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the car carrying Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena was traveling on one of the most

dangerous roads in Iraq when it was fired upon. An Italian intelligence officer in the car was shot and killed.

**DENVER** — Prosecutors want the Colorado Supreme Court to review a 12-year state prison sentence handed down for a woman who started the worst wildfire in Colorado's history.

In a motion filed last week, prosecutors said the Colorado Court of Appeals erred in its interpretation of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in an

unrelated case when it considered an appeal filed by Terry Barton.

Barton is serving six years on federal charges in addition to the state term after she admitted starting the 138,000-acre Hayman fire in June 2002. The appeals court ruled in December that Barton must be resentenced on the state conviction, noting that the judge who presided over the case had at least "the appearance of prejudice."

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Middle-age women can cut their risk of

strokes, but not heart attacks, by regularly taking low doses of aspirin, and the pills help prevent both problems in women 65 and older, a major study found.

The results are opposite what is known about aspirin in men, where its benefit for stroke is limited and its ability to prevent heart problems is legendary. Since women proportionately suffer more strokes and men more heart attacks, this is generally good news, specialists said.

—Associated Press

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic** — Rival gangs fighting for control of a provincial Dominican Republic prison set pillows and sheets ablaze Monday, starting a fire that killed at least 133 people after rescuers were thwarted by a jammed entrance, officials said. Only 26 inmates were rescued from the public jail in Higüey, 75 miles northeast of the

capital on the island's eastern tip, said National Police Chief Manuel de Jesus Perez Sanchez.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Iraqi insurgents set off bombs and fired rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons at military convoys, checkpoints and police patrols in a spate of violence Monday that killed 33 people and wounded dozens.

The terror group Al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi,

claimed responsibility for much of the bloodshed.

**HEBRON, West Bank** — Palestinian militants shot and wounded two Israeli border policemen Monday in an attack on a military post near a West Bank shrine, the latest attempt to disrupt a delicate cease-fire.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, reacting to the attack, said Jews would continue to live and pray in Hebron, endorsing the settler presence in the tense city.

Despite the violence, both sides reported progress on transferring West Bank cities to Palestinian security control after weeks of deadlock over whether Israel would remove army roadblocks outside the towns.

The Palestinians had insisted on the removal of the roadblocks, which have severely disrupted life in the West Bank during more than four years of fighting.

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# thefacebook slapped with lawsuit, competition

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WASHINGTON — One year after the launch of the most in-demand online college directory, thefacebook.com is battling a lawsuit and defending its popularity among numerous similar Web sites vying for a piece of the Internet phenomenon created by thefacebook.

ConnectU.com, a thefacebook-esque Web site launched more than two years ago by three Harvard sophomores, Divya Naredren, and twin brothers, Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, is suing fellow Harvard peer Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of thefacebook. Zuckerberg worked with connectU in its preliminary stages and connectU filed the lawsuit after thefacebook launched, due to the close similarities between the two sites.

According to Chris Hughes, the spokesperson for thefacebook, the allegations against Zuckerberg are false. He said that while Zuckerberg

did work on an online database for dating among Harvard students called the havardconnection, it was a much different site from the current connectU. Hughes said that Zuckerberg's relationship with the creators of connectU "was informal, in the sense that he was never paid, nor did he have a contract with them."

Hughes estimates that the lawsuit will cost thefacebook over \$200,000 to defend, "despite the fact that the claims of connectU are absolutely unfounded." He said that thefacebook is countersuing for "abusing the legal system," in order to try to regain lost funds.

Despite the battle between thefacebook and connectU, other sites

such as myspace.com, etriculate.com, campusnetwork.com and studentcenter.org also exist on the Web, appealing to interests similar to those on thefacebook.

David Clark, the creator of etriculate.com, launched his site in 2002 before the birth of thefacebook, after transferring from Michigan State to Muskegon Community College. He

launched it in order to create an easier way to meet people and network at a place where most students commute.

"There was no communication, there wasn't even a school paper and I wanted to know what classes, to take, which professors are the best ... so I wanted to make a social networking site to get to know people," Clark said.

Etricate includes a blog page, online shared photo albums, professor ratings and personal profiles. Clark said he thinks the reason his site didn't catch on three years ago is because people were not as trusting with the Internet as they are today.

"The guys who did thefacebook were around at the right time," Clark said.

With little success at MCC, Clark stopped tending to the site for about a year; however, with the recent wave of

new social networking sites popping up, Clark decided to re-launch his site this past Valentine's Day. His site is also available to any high school or college student.

"Etricate's a Web site with a little substance. It's got tangible things, like photo albums and a book exchange," Clark said.

Clark, now a junior at Ohio State, decided that by offering his site to high school students, he might be able to hook his users early.

"How do we get people to stop using thefacebook? We just get to them before they start," Clark said. "We're finding the best reception with high school kids. It's a popularity contest."

With only 110 members so far, etriculate still has a long way to go before it matches the 1.8 million users of thefacebook.

"In general, college students return to the site to find information on their peers, to make connections with friends and acquaintances and to communicate with one another. It's a reference tool and a means for communication. I think that combination — and the fact that it's fun to use — keeps people coming back," Hughes said.

"Basically, I think it's another form of procrastination," Clark said.

Even with the popularity of thefacebook, there are still some college students out there who are skeptical of the whole idea.

"It's like, 'do you want to be my friend?' If you really need friends, thefacebook isn't going to help you," said sophomore Christiana Scollin of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Scollin said that thefacebook just caught on at St. Joseph's and is "the talk of the town." She hasn't joined it yet, because she said, "it's just not that cool."

"I don't want to buy into the stalker methods," Scollin said. "We don't need the FBI now because we have thefacebook."

## Tobacco company influenced studies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A tobacco company influenced research into possible links between secondhand smoke and sudden infant death syndrome as a way to raise doubts about a connection, a study by University of San Francisco, California and government scientists found.

The analysis by UCSF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that executives at Philip Morris International hired a consultant to write a scientific article on the causes of SIDS and persuaded him to change his original conclusions. The eventual article called into question the connection to secondhand smoke, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Monday. The findings were published Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The industry-backed article was published in 2001 and has been cited at least 19 times by other scientific papers, underscoring how influential its findings were.

The tobacco companies "have this strategy to exert a subtle but very important influence over the research. It is designed to get the whole medical literature off in the wrong direction," said Stanton Glantz, a UCSF professor of medicine and author of the analysis.

The analysis is based on once-confidential tobacco industry documents that were made public as a result of a landmark 1998 settlement of lawsuits brought by 46 states to pay for the costs of smoking-related health care, the Chronicle reported.

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## REVIEW

# 'Be cool' really not cool

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MUSTANG DAILY

With an all-star cast and a great director, this movie had the potential to be a huge hit. Yet, it fell short of cool.

"Be Cool," the sequel to 1995's "Get Shorty," is close to two hours of alluring nonsense about rival gangs and factions warring to control the destiny of a promising young singer, Linda Moon (Christina Milian). It's instantaneously forgettable, but smooth fun for the most part, with John Travolta reprising his role as the hopelessly cool Chili Palmer, a strong-armed debt collector turned Hollywood movie producer.

Feeling "itchy," Palmer switches from movies to the music biz. After spotting Moon in a Los Angeles nightclub, he helps free her from a bad contract with the newly widowed Edie Athens (Uma Thurman), who inherited her late husband's struggling record company.

With characters connected through dozens of invisible money trails, everyone wants a piece of Palmer.

There are many obstacles involving this suave shylock, but most are pretty dull. Moon's sleazy-gangsta' manager (Vince Vaughn) who has the street cred of Vanilla Ice, and his gay wannabe-actor/singer bodyguard (Dwayne Johnson aka The Rock), don't want to let the singer go; neither does the shady businessman Nick Carr (Harvey Keitel). And somehow, this movie's villain of choice, the Russian mafia, gets involved too. As does Sin LaSalle (Cedric the Entertainer), the Ivy League-educated music producer and his trigger-happy cousin, Dabo (Andre 3000).

More of an intolerable presence



COURTESY PHOTO

'Be Cool,' the sequel to 'Get Shorty,' features John Travolta back in the shoes of Chili Palmer and mixed up in familiar trouble.

than an obstacle is Aerosmith's Steven Tyler (as himself). Bluntly put, as far as his acting goes, he makes his daughter Liv look like Julia Roberts.

"Be Cool's" director, F. Gary Gray ("The Italian Job" and "Friday"), distributes a film full of chaos. One starts to question if this movie is just plain atrocious or if it's meant to be an exact takeoff of other bad Hollywood movies.

As for Travolta, he tends to be the anchor of the film, caught in a sea of disorder. If nothing else, he plays Palmer with such subtle intimidation so blatantly, that one may not even notice he steers this entire film without ever holding a gun. He's not as bad as "Basic" here, but he's also not the Travolta we know from "Face/Off" or "Pulp Fiction." He's

good, but not memorable.

From the "Kill Bill" movies, Thurman has become an action movie icon. In "Be Cool" she is purely average. She has a presence, but none of the devious energy she carried in her portrayal of the bride.

The only two people who seem to be having any fun in this film are The Rock and Andre 3000. One of the best scenes in "Be Cool" involved The Rock, a "Bring It On" monologue and western-style music video. Surprisingly, this superstar wrestler and hip-hop icon holds the movie together.

Overall, "Be Cool" is entertaining and bits are outright hilarious, but it doesn't meet the standards of "Get Shorty." The movie is worth seeing, but don't expect too much; it's purely there for a few good laughs.

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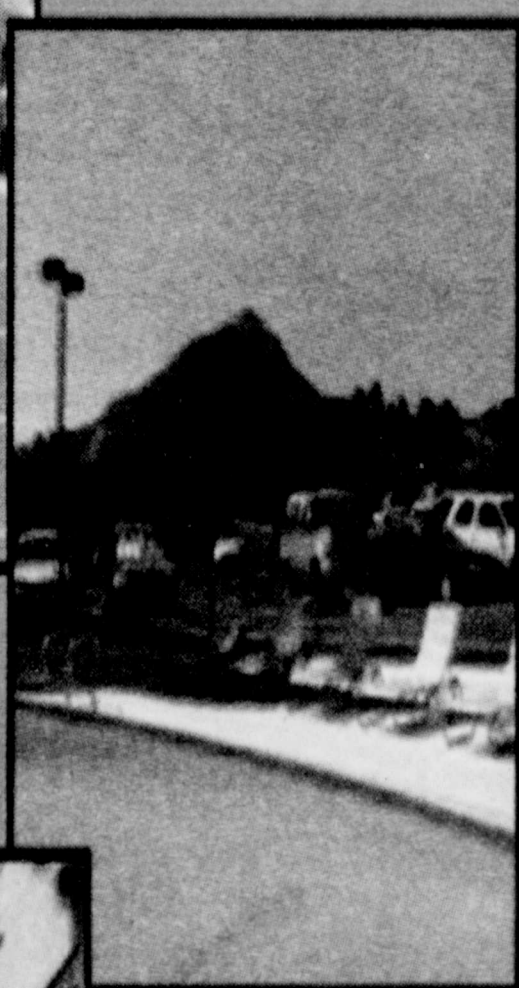
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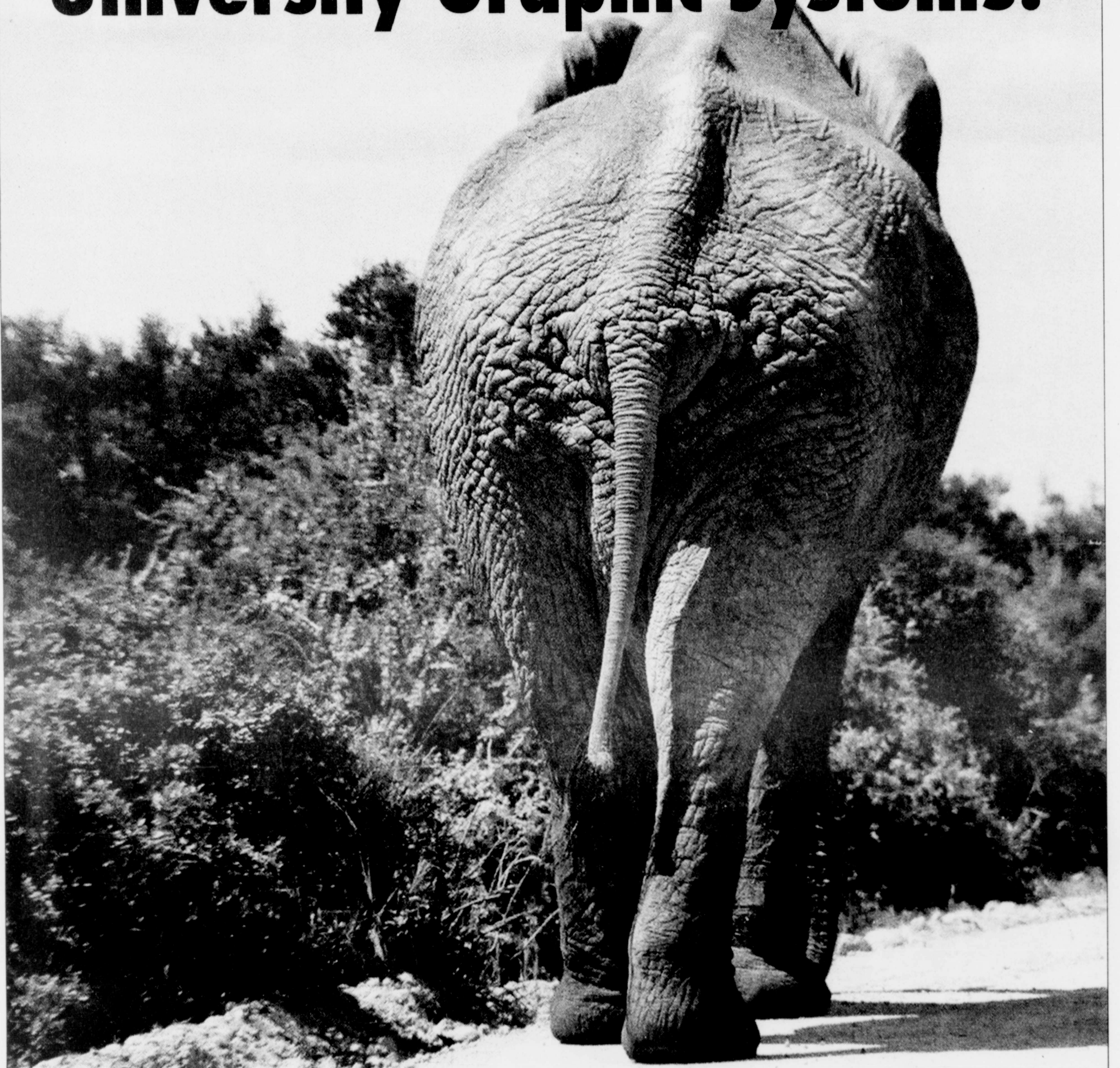


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## COMMENTARY

# Survey: Students' choice is quality

Have any of your friends ever come up with an idea in which you questioned their seriousness? There comes a point in the conversation when you are both dreaming about what could happen and how great it would be, and then the question comes: "Wait, are you serious?"

That is what happened last fall when ASI sent out the "Your Voice, Your Choice" survey. We wanted to gauge how serious students were about improving quality-of-life facilities on campus, and with more than 4,400 survey responses and focus groups, we got our answer. The motto we stand by in ASI student government is "For the students, by the students." We listened to what you wanted and are responding accordingly.

For the past two weeks, I've been writing about the ASI Master Plan which was created out of student desires for more facilities on campus. Out of the thousands of responses, 66 percent of students said they would support expanding the current recreation center, creating a new student activity center by campus market and renovating the current University Union and Union Plaza.

It shouldn't be surprising that 74 percent of students said that sustainability was a high priority in any new campus development.

The top two reasons why students supported these improvements were, "The project is important to overall campus life," and "The project will be a great addition to campus." The top two reasons students were unlikely to support it were, "Satisfied with existing facilities," and "Don't believe students should pay for it." I wasn't surprised so many students took the time to voice their choice, but I was surprised at the amount from comments we received on supportive and non-supportive students.

Here's what students said about the project: "I really think that adding more student areas will greatly increase the close knit feel that Cal Poly is lacking," and "I am really excited about this. I'd never really heard about the finer points of this project until taking this survey. I just wish that I could be there when the project is finished. I really like the set up for the new facility for the north side of campus."

Many other comments pertained to the need for a more welcoming plaza, better food choices in facilities, more recreation space, movie theaters and many students said it was very reasonable for the cost of the project.

Of course not everyone was supportive of these improvements. Here's what other students said: "Is it wise to be planning such a project right after the budget crunch where we dropped \$3 million on business software and fired faculty and dropped enrollment? I'm just not sure if it serves the greater good," and "I feel that the existing facilities are already great. However, they do seem a bit worn down. It would be nice to give it a little face lift, but spending too much money making everything new wouldn't be such a good idea considering the budget crises."

Other students were concerned about class sizes, parking availability and fee increases over the past few years.

This past weekend our student government lobbied our local legislatures to make higher education funding a priority in the budget. We are constantly trying to improve student life by making sure campus policies are student friendly and improving services that are provided. Unfortunately, we can't build any more parking structures or hire any more faculty, but we can propose new quality-of-life facilities that will improve your overall college experience. The bottom line is that 66 percent of students wanted greater campus community and better student centers. As I promised earlier in the year, your student government is working to give you what you want.

Blake Bolton is the ASI President who was surprised how many students commented that they wanted an ice arena. He welcomes your feedback at [asipresident@calpoly.edu](mailto:asipresident@calpoly.edu) or 756-1291.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### People should be chosen for their accomplishments

Matt Bushman's commentary published Feb. 28, states President Bush's appointees are representative of minorities because they have the same skin color. Let's take a closer look at a few of their accomplishments.

The Attorney General is supposed to uphold justice, but Alberto Gonzales is making a mockery out of our Bill of Rights. He wrote in a February 2002 memo to the Bush administration that the importance of getting information about possible future terror attacks from prisoners "renders obsolete Geneva's strict limitations on questioning of enemy prisoners." Translation: legal torture.

In truth, Gonzales is a long-time friend of Bush's, who has constantly been promoted as W gained more power.

Norman Mineta quit politics to work for Lockheed Martin in 1995. Recently, this businessman returned to the political arena — around the same time Lockheed Martin was awarded a \$1.6 billion contract to produce the next generation of presidential helicopters. As the Secretary of Transportation, he has proposed cutting Amtrak's budget, essentially taking one of our most valuable transportation systems off life support while simultaneously giving grants to improve airports.

Condoleezza Rice said she had no prior knowledge of the 9/11 attacks, but this was proven false in the Supreme Court. She emphatically supported Bush's claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. None have been found. Oh, and did I mention that Chevron named an oil tanker after her?

Bushman, people should be chosen for their accomplishments, not for the color of their skin. But

I guess that is what Bush did anyway.

**Bryan Neff**  
Physics junior

### Bush's plan won't solve the Social Security problem

Sorry Gary, everything always looks simpler when you're young and naïve. I've been paying into Social Security since I was 12 years old (I'm 46). The Republican plan (Bushes plan), will reduce the value of all that I've put in so far so that you won't be burdened when I reach retirement age. I will be hurt twice by not getting back what I put into Social Security and not having enough money to live on when I retire. Social Security was sold to us (my generation) as an insurance policy that would always be there for us.

Little known is that every state has the option of opting out of the Social Security plan (Colorado state workers pay into a pension plan instead of Social Security). Less than 5 percent have ever opted to go the personal pension plan route because on the whole, they lose money. England is now facing problems from personalizing their Social Security plan, which has left contributors without sufficient funds to live on. In the end, both pre-retirees and new contributors lose out. The result is more national debt and less return on the investment.

There is a problem, but it's neither simple nor black and white. Let's face it — all of us will have to share in the pain somehow, someday. There is no "nutshell" nor should simple minds try to resolve a complex problem.

That's why I don't see Bush as the one who should be tasked with finding the solution.

**Eric Kralicek**  
Network Analyst, PCLAN

### Engineers should have more options than weapons

I'd like to thank the author of the story about the dilemmas that students face about working for

weapons manufacturers.

This applies particularly to me. As an aerospace engineer, I will be hard pressed to find a non-military job. So far, my chips are still in the pot for a job at a space agency (NASA or ESA).

Personally, I will exhaust every option before going into a field that will require me to make war machines, but I know that many engineers go into this field because of the weapons, and that many people stay out of it for the same reason.

I don't think weapons engineering is necessarily wrong, but it would be nice to have more choices. Once again, I'd like to congratulate the entire Mustang Daily staff on such a well-researched and well-written article, and hope that we can see more of the same soon.

**Troy Kuersten**  
Aerospace engineering sophomore

### Rewarding the lazy or helping the less fortunate?

Within all the liberal/conservative and democrat/republican arguments, I noticed many people have the view that welfare is merely rewarding the lazy. Why should our hard-earned money go to people sitting on their asses watching daytime TV?

Well, I'm not denying that some people may abuse the system, but consider this situation: Jamie was born in 1990 to a waitress and an alcoholic truck driver. Last year, her dad brought home his drunken friends and Jamie was raped at the age of 14. With no way to get an abortion, she is now 15 with a two-month-old baby and no money or education to go anywhere but "home." Does she not deserve help?

Too many people are too close-minded to consider people in less fortunate situations. I work hard for my money and have done so since I was 15, and every paycheck, I'm happy to give to those unable to make enough money to support themselves and their families.

**Kate Rossman**  
Industrial engineering junior

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## Softball

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State Spartans in a non-conference, home match-up Wednesday night. Cal Poly lost 1-0 before winning the second game 3-0.

Carol Forbes threw the shutout for the Spartans, also giving up four hits with five strikeouts.

Mustang hurler Eva Nelson gave up a homerun in the top of the seventh to Jessica Guillen for the game's only run. Nelson gave up four hits, one run and had four

strikeouts.

"We played well with good intensity. Their pitcher just shut us down the first game," Condon said. "It was nice to come back in the second game and re-bound from the loss."

And re-bound they did. In game two, the Mustangs had five hits off San Jose State's Courtney Lewis. Lisa Modglin led the way for the Mustangs batting 2-3 with one run scored.

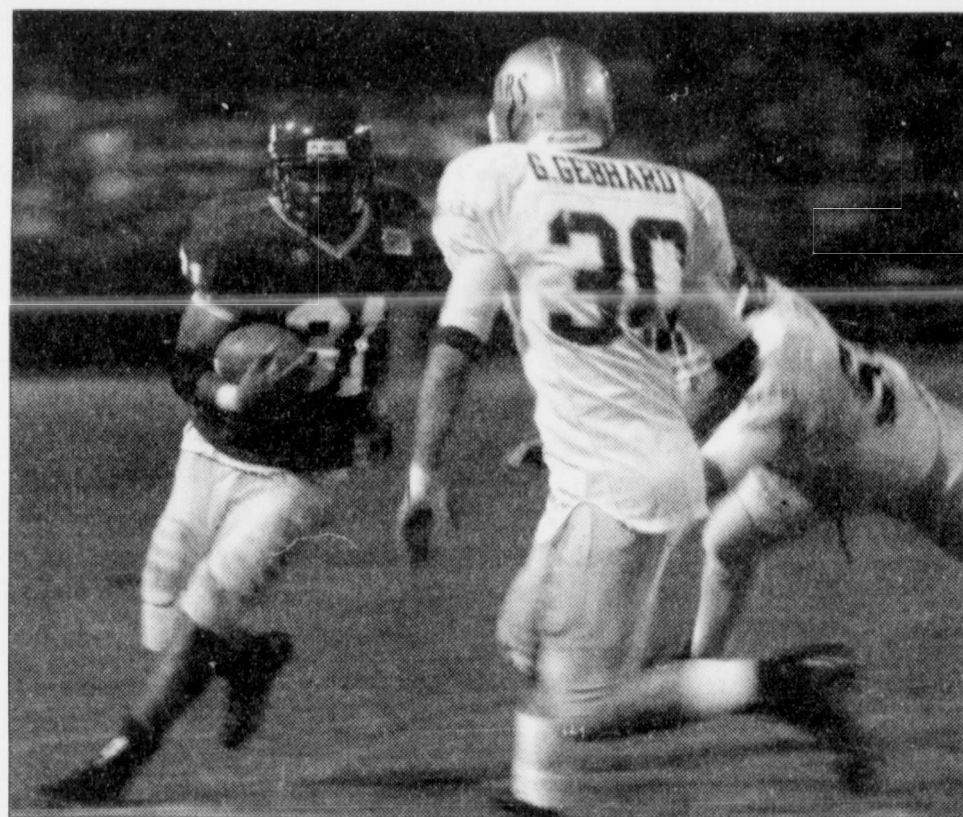
Chelsy Stoufer, Chelsea Green, and Kristi Alvers all had a RBI for

the Mustangs as they beat San Jose State 3-1.

Robyn Kontra allowed seven hits, but only one un-earned run, and had four strikeouts and no walks.

"It's nice when we score runs to take the pressure off our pitchers," Condon said.

The Mustangs will return to action next weekend, March 11-13 at UC Riverside for the UC Riverside Tournament before conference play begins.



MAIT WECHTER FILE PHOTO

The good defense made up for the lack of offense in the Spring Game.

## Ends

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Linebacker Kyle Shotwell had a game-high seven tackles, linebacker Dustin Baxley had six and cornerback Michael Maye had three pass breakups.

## Women's Golf

The Cal Poly women's golf team won the Cal State San Marcos Cougar Invitational by 10 strokes on Tuesday at the Twin Oaks Valley Golf Course in San Marcos, CA.

Jessica Huss finished third, with two other Mustang golfers who finished in the top six. Huss shot a final round of 79 after an opening round Monday of 74. Her two-round total of 153 was six shots back of San Marcos golfer Jennell French (147) and two shots behind Jody Chandonnet of Grand Canyon University in second place.

Heather McGinnis was two shots back of Huss in a tie for fourth when she finished with a solid 76 after an opening round of 79 on the par-72, 6015 yard course. Gina Drago finished in sixth with rounds of 77 and 79 (156).

Nicole Dishman and Jilayne Lovejoy rounded out the Mustang team in 16th (78, 82- 160) and 23rd

(88, 77- 165).

Cal Poly as a team shot an opening round of 308 to hold a three-shot lead over the nine-team field on Monday. The Mustangs' final round of 311 pushed the team to a 10-stroke advantage over Oklahoma City and a 16-stroke advantage over Southern Nazarene.

Cal Poly returns to action on March 7-9, at the Montana Invitational held at the Palm Valley GC, Phoenix, AZ.

## Track and Field

Cal Poly track and field athletes won six events in the season-opening UCLA Three-Way Meet held Saturday at Drake Stadium and Marshall Field.

In the women's events, Lauren Mulkey won the 1,500-meter run in 4:39.55 while Katie Murphy crossed the finish line first in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:50.24. Kelly Dahl won the pole vault at 12-1/2.

In men's events, Mustang winners included Travis Morse in the 100-meter dash (10.69), Adrian Ruark in the pole vault (15-7) and Ben Bruce in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (8:33.70). In non-first place news, Luke Llamas was second in the steeplechase (8:59.60).

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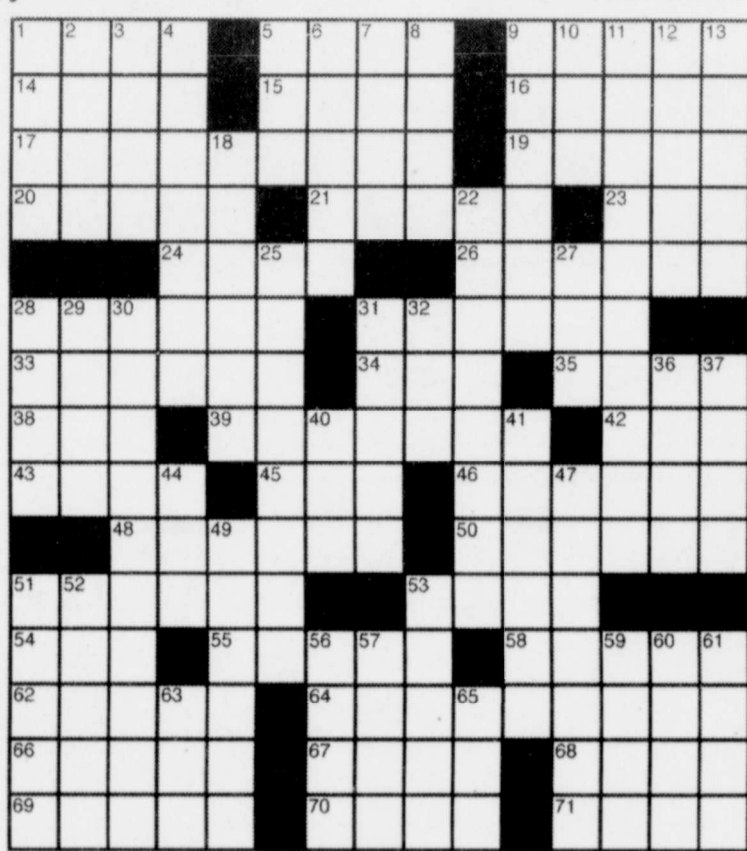
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  - 5 Marilyn Monroe mark
  - 9 Full range
  - 14 Like ideal cactus climate
  - 15 E-garbage
  - 16 Degrade
  - 17 Something to play in Kinshasa?
  - 19 Increased, as the score
  - 20 "Come in!"
  - 21 Baby bug
  - 23 Moo goo \_\_\_\_ pan
  - 24 Fresh talk
  - 26 From time immemorial
  - 28 Eye part
  - 31 Regained consciousness
  - 33 Like "fuzz" for "police"
- DOWN
- 34 Rock band equipment
  - 35 High do
  - 38 Beaujolais, e.g.
  - 39 Letters that make you feel important?
  - 42 Unbridged area
  - 43 Cribbage markers
  - 45 Alternative to gin or vodka
  - 46 TV viewer's aid
  - 48 Away, but not completely off-duty
  - 50 Sidestepped
  - 51 French-born satirist Hilaire
  - 53 Author Dinesen
  - 54 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
  - 55 Live's partner
  - 58 "Phooey!"
  - 62 \_\_\_\_ de Mayo

- 64 Intermediary (or a title for this puzzle)
- 66 Rivers' destination
- 67 Cry from the pews
- 68 Start of a magician's cry
- 69 Foul
- 70 Cincinnati team
- 71 Freeway exit

## DOWN

- 1 Place for a smile
- 2 Wrinkle remover
- 3 Buildup on a suit jacket
- 4 Sidles through a doorway
- 5 Chow mein additive
- 6 October birthstones
- 7 Tibetan priest
- 8 Reason to call 911: Abbr.
- 9 Bodywork place
- 10 Lawyers' org.
- 11 The Lord's tropical fruit?
- 12 Run-of-the-mill
- 13 Not very hot
- 18 Grove fruit
- 22 Some Anne Rice characters
- 25 Bless the food
- 27 J.F.K. posting, for short
- 28 Request of an invitee, briefly
- 29 Nobelist Wiesel



Puzzle by Lee Glickstein and Nancy Salomon

- 30 Romantic ballroom queues?
- 31 Bedouin's mount
- 32 Doctors' org.
- 36 Hourly charge
- 37 Guest column
- 40 Olive \_\_\_\_
- 41 Acerbic pianist Oscar
- 44 John Belushi was originally on it: Abbr.
- 47 Start a battle
- 49 Any of the original 13
- 51 Breakfast strip
- 52 Author Jong
- 53 Laid up
- 56 Thickening agent
- 57 Vatican's home
- 59 \_\_\_\_ Hart, sitcom title character
- 60 Presidential time
- 61 Go bananas
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# Lions hold off the Mustangs for two wins

Mustangs also split a doubleheader with San Jose State before Loyola Marymount earns two victories Saturday

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

It was as if the Cal Poly women's softball team spent Saturday in the Lion den.

The Mustangs lost a doubleheader to the visiting Loyola Marymount Lions, falling 5-3 and 3-2, in a non-conference fiesta at Bob Janssen Field.

The Lions Kayla Meeks (1-0) earned the win, holding the Mustangs to three runs off seven hits with only one earned run. The Mustangs Eva Nelson gave up 10 hits and five runs with seven innings pitched for the loss and takes her record to 3-6.

Kelly Comstock went 2-3 with one run, and Shannon Brooks and

Kristi Alvers each went 1-3 with one RBI.

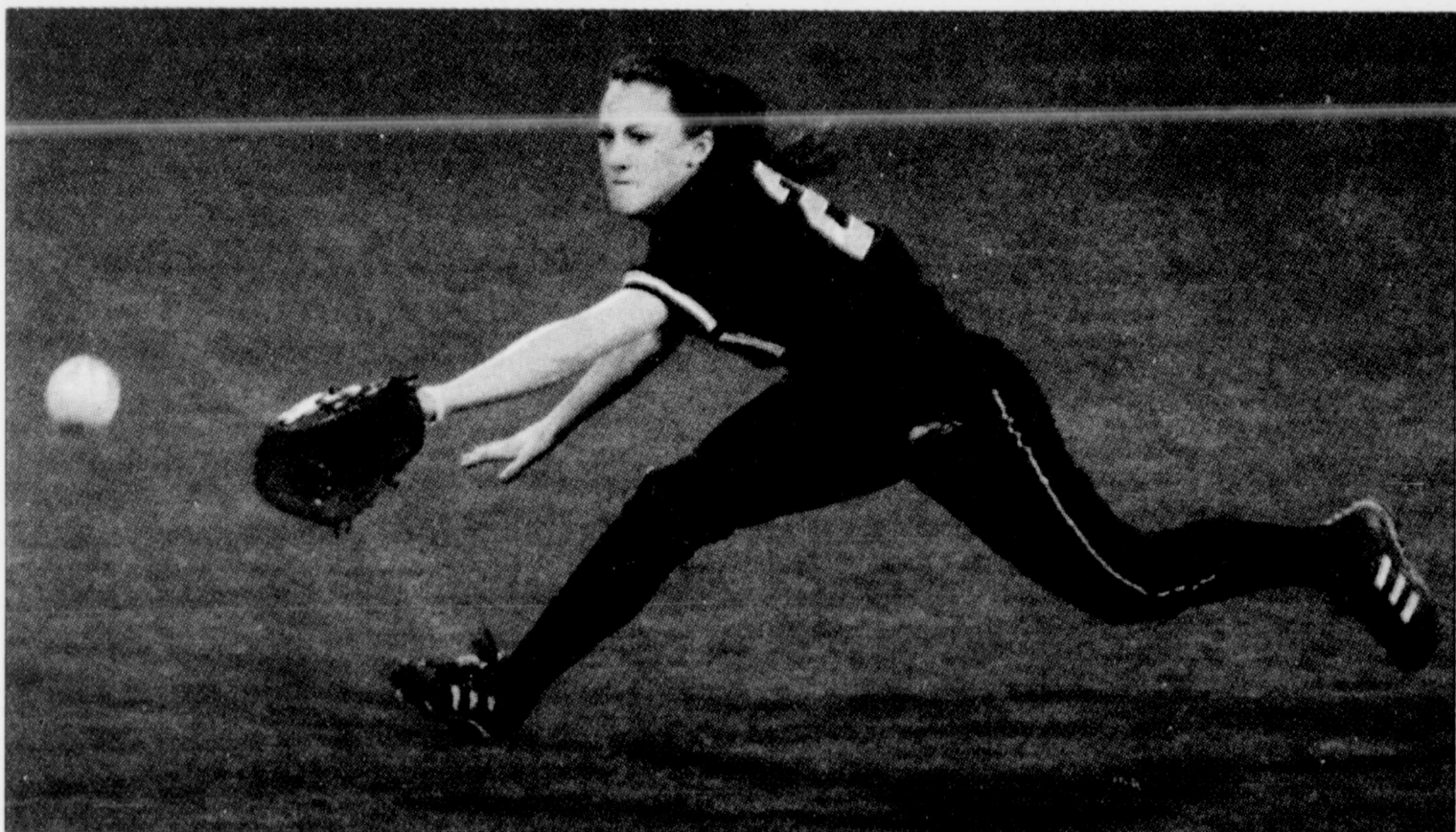
The Mustangs took the Lions to nine innings in game two of the match-up, only to lose 3-2, and have their record fall to 10-9. Robyn Kontra (7-3) got the loss, pitching all nine innings giving up 10 hits and three runs.

"Robyn pitched a good game," said Mustang head coach Jenny Condon. "Our offense just didn't pick it up."

Cal Poly's four hits came from four different players. Lisa Modglin, Jackie Gehrke-Jones, Chelsea Green and Kristi Alvers each had one hit for the Mustangs. Gehrke-Jones had the RBIs for both of the runs.

Before the weekend, the Mustangs split a two-game doubleheader with the visiting San Jose

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NICK HOOVER MUSTANG DAILY

Leadoff hitter Lisa Modglin meets up with a short outfield hit in the Mustangs' game against Loyola.

## ODDS AND ENDS

# Big turnaround for men's tennis

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Seven was the key number this weekend for the Cal Poly men's tennis team.

On Sunday, Cal Poly shut out Boston University 7-0 in a non-conference men's tennis match Sunday at UC Irvine's Anteater Tennis Stadium. One day earlier, the Mustangs were on the receiving end, as Irvine administered a 7-0 thrashing.

Against BU, Cal Poly (4-9) won all six singles matches in straight sets. At No. 1 singles, Matt Baca was a 6-1, 6-3 winner over BU's top seed, Barrett Wolf. Fred Dewitte, Davey Jones, Brett Van Linge, Brody Saunders and James Powers also won in singles for the Mustangs. Baca also teamed with Van Linge for an 8-5 win at No. 1 doubles.

On Saturday, the UC Irvine men's tennis team defeated Cal Poly 7-0 in a Big West Conference match.

Brian Morton of UC Irvine defeated Baca 7-6 (6), 6-2 in No. 1 singles as the Anteaters swept the six singles matches.

The Anteaters won two of the three doubles matches to claim the doubles point. Seniors Brian Morton

and Rye Kashiwabara defeated Travis Crawford and David Jones 8-2 in the No. 1 match. Junior Peter Surapol and sophomore Aaron Ellis defeated Fred Dewitte and James Powers in the No. 3 slot.

Cal Poly's only win came at No. 2 doubles as Brett Van Linge and Matt Baca teamed for an 8-4 decision against UC Irvine's Mustafa Ulukan

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and Victor Lamm.

Cal Poly visits UC Santa Barbara for a 1:30 p.m. Big West Conference match Wednesday.

## Spring, football in the air

There were the standard signs of rust on display Saturday at the Cal Poly football team's Spring Game, like Anthony Garnett's two interceptions.

Then there were the things that made the game what it was all about, Cordel Webb snagging both of these picks. Webb, who backed up Garnett this past fall after transferring from St.

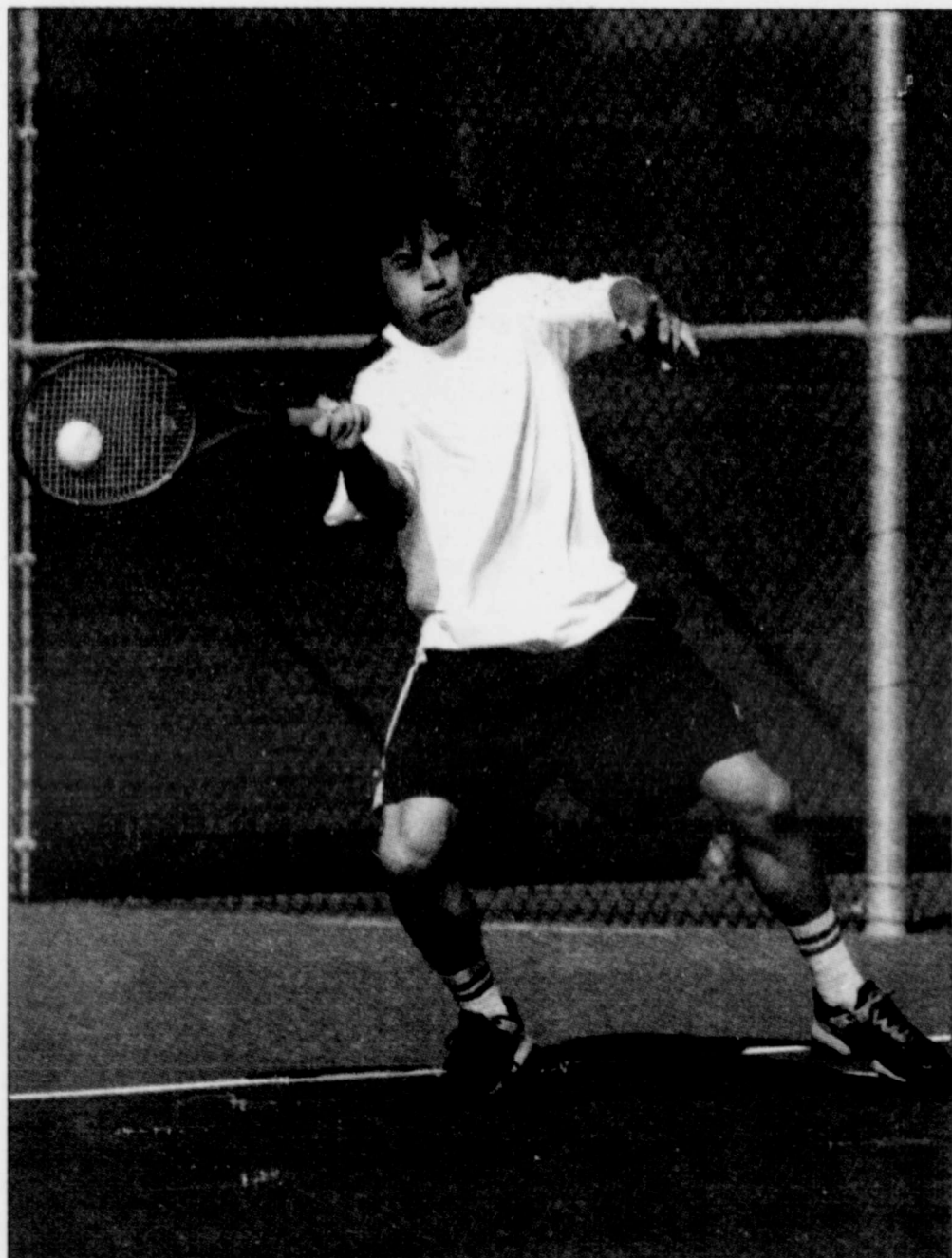
Mary's, debuted at cornerback Saturday, snagging two of the secondary's three interceptions.

"This game was a chance for a lot of guys who haven't played before — the redshirts and walk-ons — a chance to play," said fifth-year Mustang head coach Rich Ellerson. "That's what spring ball is about — a chance for those guys to get a chance to play."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Ernie Cooper hit Sean Kennedy, another redshirt freshman, with a 33-yard touchdown pass, and Anthony Garnett, Frederick Hives II and Adam George all scored touchdowns on runs as the offense, dressed in white jerseys, scrimmaged the defense, dressed in green jerseys.

Four quarterbacks completed just five of 29 passes for 111 yards, with Garnett completing two of 10 passes for 64 yards and Mende, Cooper and Matt Brennan combining for just three completions. Kennedy was the top receiver with two catches for 41 yards. Hives finished with twelve carries and 48 of the offense's 181 rushing yards.

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NICK HOOVER MUSTANG DAILY

Fred Dewitte won his singles match Sunday as the Mustangs beat Boston University 7-0, a day after losing 7-0 to UC Irvine.

## POLY STAT RACK

60  
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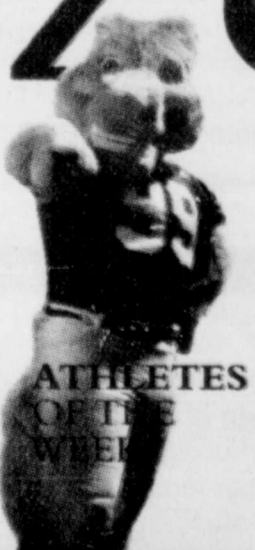
years of Mustang-Bulldog baseball and finally a sweep  
consecutive wins for Pacific hoops, longest in the nation

## WHAT DID YOU SAY?

"I'm sorry. I'm a fan and the fact that he's with the Yankees makes it even better."

— Robyn Kontra  
defending Randy Johnson and his mullet

# THE MUSTY ZONE



Gary Daley



Jessica Huss

## GAME SCHEDULE

**Women's Golf**  
Tuesday @ Montana Inv., 8 a.m.  
Wednesday @ Montana Inv., 8 a.m.  
**Softball**  
@ The UC Riverside Tournament  
Friday vs. UC Riverside, 2 p.m.  
Sat. vs. Harvard, S. Utah, 9 a.m., 3 p.m.  
Sunday vs. Harvard, 9 a.m.  
**Baseball**  
Wednesday vs. UCSB (Baggett) 6 p.m.  
**Women's Indoor Football**  
Friday @ NCAA Championships, 11 a.m.  
Saturday @ NCAA Champ., 11 a.m.  
**Track and Field**  
Wednesday @ UCSB, 1:30 p.m.  
**Men's Tennis**  
Saturday @ Bennie Brown, 11 a.m.

## WERE YOU AWARE?

Cal Poly Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith's son, Nikko Smith, is one of the finalists on "American Idol".

## DAILY CONNECTION

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